



Congratulations on your acceptance into the Summer Work Travel program. This program is a cultural exchange, and your eligibility for the program is based on your status as a student. It is therefore very important that the program does not interfere with your studies in Peru and that you come back in time for your classes no matter what your program end date is. Please take a moment to read over the following information in order to ensure that you are familiar with certain requirements of the program.

What do the program start and end dates on my DS-2019 mean?

The program start and end dates indicate when you may begin work and when you must stop working. You may begin working at any point on or after the program start date, but must end your work by the end date of the program. If you work beyond the program date, you will not be able to participate in the program in future years.

How long before the program start date may I enter the United States?

You may enter the United States up to 30 days in advance of your program start date, but may not begin working until the program start date. Please remember that participation in the program cannot prevent you from attending any scheduled classes or taking exams at your university in Peru. If you miss any classes due to participation in the program, you will greatly jeopardize your chances of participating in the program in future years.

How long after the program end date can I stay in the United States?

You have 30 days following the end date of your program for travel and/or to make arrangements for your return to Peru. You are not permitted to work during these 30 days, and if you leave the United States during this grace period, you will not be permitted back in on your J-1 visa because you will no longer be in J status. Please keep in mind that it is **your** responsibility to return to Peru in time for the start of your scheduled classes, no matter what your program end date is.

Can I switch jobs once I am in the United States?

Please check with your sponsoring agency before making any changes in your employment. If you change employment without the permission of your sponsoring agency, your status in the program will be terminated. Once your program is terminated, you must leave the United States **immediately**.

Can I work more than one job in the United States?

There is no prohibition against having more than one job, but you should check with your sponsor before accepting other employment.

What if I have a complaint about the sponsoring agency or my employer in the United States?

You may register complaints with the J Visa Compliance Unit at jvisas@state.gov; fax (202) 203-5087. If you have other questions not answered here, please consult the following web page:
http://exchanges.state.gov/jexchanges/private/swt_faq.html#students

What if I have a difficult time finding a job placement once I arrive in the United States, or have concerns about the work conditions?

You may contact the Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA) Compliance Unit by e-mailing jvisas@state.gov or by calling (202) 203-5154. You can also contact the Peruvian Embassy at (202) 833-9860 or via e-mail at webadmin@embassyofperu.us. Finally, you should contact your sponsor; you can find the contact information for your U.S sponsor in Box #2 of your DS-2019.